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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently Amended) A method for determining if an animal has been exposed to a specific hemolysin-producing fungus, which hemolysin is species-specific, comprising:

- a. contacting a sample from said animal with labeled antibodies which bind only to the hemolysin produced by the fungus or to active fragments of the hemolysin; and
- b. detecting any complex formed between the labeled antibodies and the hemolysin or active fragments thereof; and
- c. correlating presence of a complex with exposure to the fungus.

24. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 24 wherein the sample from the animal is selected from the group consisting of blood, urine, and saliva.